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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



*[The Editor is not responsible for opinions expressed in this Department.]*

### PARATYPHOID

DEAR EDITOR: Will you kindly explain in one of your numbers what pyrotyphoid is?

Canada.

E. M. G.

[We believe our correspondent has in mind paratyphoid, a name given to a group of low fevers closely resembling true typhoid in some of their symptoms but of different microbic origin. There are many varieties. The diagnosis is made by microscopical examination of the blood.—ED.]

### MISTING OF EYE GLASSES

#### I

DEAR EDITOR: In reply to the question in the June JOURNAL, how to prevent eye glasses from misting, in an operating room, I have found this process very good: polish the glasses with dry soap, do not use water.

West Virginia.

HELEN EGGLESTON, R.N.

#### II

DEAR EDITOR: In reply to M. D. N's request for some relief for the mistiness of eye glasses, I would like to tell her of a "pencil" that I purchased at a jeweler's store, but it bears no name nor manufacturer's name. One day having mislaid my "pencil" I rubbed my glasses with a dry cake of common yellow laundry soap, afterward polishing them with soft tissue paper, and found it just as efficacious. The "pencil" is perhaps more convenient and can probably be purchased at any optical goods store at a cost of twenty-five cents.

New York.

(Mrs.) D. W. Howe, R. N.

### JOURNALS ON HAND

DEAR EDITOR: The Boston Nurses' Club, 839 Boylston Street, Boston, is prepared to help out any society or individual wishing to have a complete file of THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING. We have volumes ii, iv, v, vi, incomplete, and with duplicates. We have volumes iii, vii, viii, ix, x, complete, and probably could supply the later years. We have none of volume i. We hope anyone wishing back numbers of the JOURNAL will apply as we are accumulating a binding fund.

E. O. BOSWALL.

Massachusetts.

[Nurses who were interested in Miss Boswall's article in the February JOURNAL on "The Nursing of Quadruplets" will be sorry to learn of the death of "Virginia" at the age of eight months. The other three were reported as thriving.—ED.]

### REPUTATION

DEAR EDITOR: In the May number of the JOURNAL I was very much interested in Mary A. Smith's article on "Reputation," and wonder if I, a rank outsider,